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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281-4240
Serial No. 10/042,068	Filing Date January 8, 2002	Examiner Dang D. Le	Group Art Unit 2834
Inventor(s) Tomokuni Wauke			
Title of Invention THIN INNER ROTOR MOTOR FOR ROTATABLY DRIVING MEDIUM, AND DISK APPARATUS USING THE SAME			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is: Transmittal Letter (in triplicate), Request for Continued Examination (in duplicate), Amendment and Response Accompanying Request for Continued Examination, a check in the amount of \$770 for RCE, and return post card.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Petition for a _month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
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- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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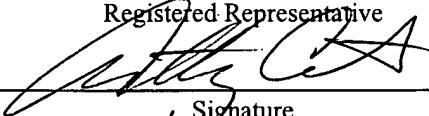
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In re Application of:)	
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Tomokuni WAUKE)	
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Filing Date: 01/08/2002)	Group Art Unit: 2834
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For: THIN INNER ROTOR MOTOR FOR)	
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AND DISK APPARATUS USING)	
THE SAME)	

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

Mail Stop RCE
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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

- Applicant is:
 a small entity, verified statement is:

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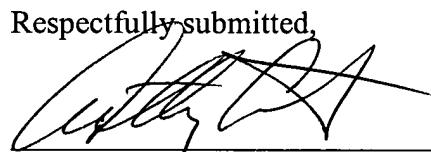
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- The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:
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A duplicate copy of this request is attached.
- A submission must be filed along with this request. The following submission(s) is(are) filed herewith:
- An Information Disclosure Statement
- An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
- New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability
- Other: _____
- A petition and fee for an extension of the time is enclosed herewith.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

Dated: March 17, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



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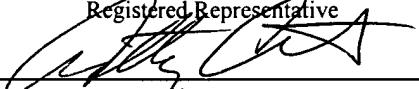
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUING EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted to accompany a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) of even date. The Claims begin on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 12.